Election

Applicant elects claims 1-5 for further prosecution of the merits in the present application. This election is without traverse.

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended.

Claims 9-21 have been presented herewith. Non-elected claims 6-8 have been canceled. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to file a divisional application including non-elected claims 6-8.

As noted above, claims 1-5 have been elected for further prosecution of the merits in the present application.

Favorable consideration and early allowance of the present application are earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (571) 283-0720 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0238 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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